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NOTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
 APPLICATION NUMBER AND OF THE  
 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE.

(PCT Rule 20.5(c))

Date of mailing  
 (day/month/year)

7.4.03

Applicant's or agents's file reference  
 RH/P/22626.WO

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.  
 PCT/GB2003/001011

International filing date (day/month/year)  
 12/03/2003

Priority date (day/month/year)  
 12/03/2002

Applicant  
 Sinclair International Limited et al

Title of the invention  
 Improvements in or relating to apparatus for the assessment of the condition of  
 Fruit and Vegetables

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international application has been accorded the international application number and the international filing date indicated above.

2. The applicant is further notified that the record copy of the international application:



was transmitted to the International Bureau on 7.4.03



has not yet been transmitted to the International Bureau for the reason indicated below and a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau\*:



because the necessary national security clearance has not yet been obtained.



because (reason to be specified):

- \* The International Bureau monitors the transmittal of the record copy by the receiving Office and will notify the applicant (with Form PCT/IB/301) of its receipt. Should the record copy not have been received by the expiration of 14 months from the priority date, the International Bureau will notify the applicant (Rule 22.1(c)).

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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING  
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL  
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 22 April 2003 (22.04.03)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference RH/P/22626.WO	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/GB03/01011	International filing date (day/month/year) 12 March 2003 (12.03.03)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 March 2002 (12.03.02)
Applicant SINCLAIR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An asterisk(\*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
4. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
12 Marc 2002 (12.03.02)	0205667.9	GB	14 Apr 2003 (14.04.03)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED  
OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 03 November 2003 (03.11.03)		IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference RH/P/22626.WO			
International application No. PCT/GB03/01011	International filing date (day/month/year) 12 March 2003 (12.03.03)	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 March 2002 (12.03.02)	
Applicant SINCLAIR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al			

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

EP : AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE,  
SI, SK, TR

National : BG, CA, CN, DE, GB, IL, JP, KP, KR, MN, NO, PL, RO, RU, SK, US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

AP : GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW

EA : AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM

OA : BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GO, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG

National : AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BR, BY, BZ, CH, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DK, DM, DZ, EC,  
EE, ES, FI, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IN, IS, KE, KG, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD,  
MG, MK, MW, MX, MZ, NZ, OM, PH, PT, SD, SE, SG, SL, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU,  
ZA, ZM, ZW

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE  
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

To:

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Date of mailing(day/month/year) 25 September 2003 (25.09.03)		
Applicant's or agent's file reference RH/P/22626.WO		IMPORTANT NOTICE
International application No. PCT/GB03/01011	International filing date(day/month/year) 12 March 2003 (12.03.03)	Priority date(day/month/year) 12 March 2002 (12.03.02)
Applicant SINCLAIR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

AU, AZ, BY, CH, CN, CO, DE, DZ, HU, JP, KG, KP, KR, MD, MK, MZ, RU, TM, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE, AG, AL, AM, AP, AT, BA, BB, BG, BR, BZ, CA, CR, CU, CZ, DK, DM, EA, EC, EE, EP, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, ID, IL, IN, IS, KE, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MG, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, TJ, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 25 September 2003 (25.09.03) under No. 03/079005

4. **TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase**

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

For filing a demand for international preliminary examination, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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